

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/733,450

Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed August 18, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7, 10-12, 14-22, 25, 27, 29-38, 40-47 and 50-53.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 8/8/06, 10/25/06
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 20061025
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mark Hayman (RN 51,793) on October 23, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 51, at the end of line 10, the phrase "and" has been removed.

In claim 51, line 12, the phrase "optical interference unit." has been replaced with --optical interference unit, and--

At the end of claim 51, the limitation --c) generating a signal for display.-- has been added.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statements filed on August 18, 2006 and October 25, 2006, have been fully considered by the Examiner except for the Non Patent Literature Documents listed on the one filed August 18, 2006, since neither of these documents have been received.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-7, 10-12, 14-22, 25, 27, 29-38, 40-47, and 50-53 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

As to claim 1, the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious a target detection apparatus comprising an optical interference unit with a film-like material of helical organic molecules deposited on a substrate having on a surface thereof an identical refractive index film that has substantially the same refractive index of the film-like material, in combination with the rest of the limitations of claim 1.

As to claim 34, the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious a target detection substrate comprising a film-like material of helical organic molecules deposited on the substrate having on a surface thereof an identical refractive index film that has substantially the same refractive index of the film-like material, in combination with the rest of the limitations of claim 34.

As to claim 51, the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious a target detection method comprising irradiating light to an optical interference unit with a film-like material of helical organic molecules deposited on a substrate having on a surface thereof an identical refractive index film that has substantially the same refractive index of the film-like material, in combination with the rest of the limitations of claim 51.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marissa J. Detschel whose telephone number is 571-272-2716. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30am-5:00pm.

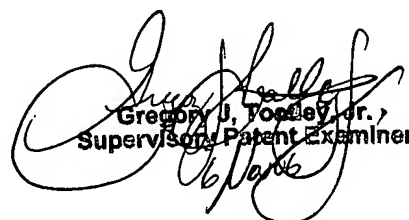
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory J. Toatley, Jr. can be reached on 571-272-2059. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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October 31, 2006


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